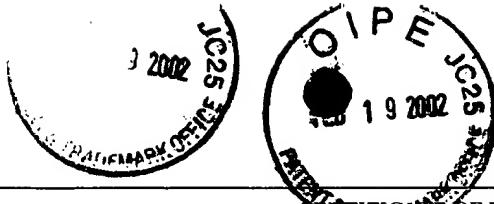


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2001 (Paper No. 30) for which a response was due on November 16, 2001 and for which a three-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from November 16, 2001 to February 16, 2002.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: